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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1910.

## THAT "FINES" SITE.

If the Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart's sustained attack upon the proposed sale by Government of the plot of land in front of the Club had the net effect of "frightening" the Standard Oil Company into withdrawing from the purchase, he might be congratulated on his success in intimidating so powerful a corporation. The community of Hongkong might also be congratulated on the presence in the Council of at least one unofficial member so formidable as to inspire fear into the richest, strongest and ablest-managed association of money-making men. But we have it, not only on the authority of the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, but of our own knowledge, that the Standard Oil Company are not frightened of anybody, and further we differ from that gentleman in that we also do not imagine them to be "frightened by the rapacity" of anybody, not even of the Treasury. Some one else said of them, "they are quite rich enough and wicked enough to look after themselves." If by "wicked" was meant able and willing we agree. The natural dissatisfaction of all interested in the Club at having a huge commercial building, soaring right in front of it, instead of enjoying, as in their opinion it should, the pleasant prospect of a well-cared-for open space, might, we feel sure, find expression in far more significant than only alms. Almost any private member of the Club would be at least tempted to add his protest to that of Mr. Murray Stewart. We do not intend to recapitulate this controversy, or again point out that no serious proposals were ever given for abandoning the sale and preserving the site. The public certainly were led to believe that the offer of six lakhs was "a firm offer," and without making us "feel quite rich" we certainly did view with open gratification the prospect of this sum being at the disposal of the Government for the immediate prosecution of at least some portion of necessary or desirable public works which eventually will cost ten times that sum. It now appears that, as we surmised some time ago, the offer was not by any means as firm as at first had been believed. Mr. Murray Stewart informs us on excellent authority that the Standard Oil Company would not consider the purchase of that site a business proposition unless they could erect on it a building ten stories high. There is therefore no immediate hope of our getting those six hundred thousand dollars. It is quite possible that the sagacious gentlemen of the Standard Oil Company, while not in the smallest degree intimidated by the outcry against its purchase of this ground, may have been so disgusted at it as to think the site dear at such a price. It could be no part of their scheme to create excitement and ill-feeling. Whereas without trouble and fuss it may well have been worth six lakhs to that Corporation or another, that ground plus trouble and fuss may well be worth less than half that sum. In the meantime the Government of Hongkong has assuredly no power, as His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has clearly explained, "to dedicate to the public one inch of land without the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies," and no expressions of pious hopes for the future by a former Governor or a Director of Public Works can bind the Government of the day. So the net result seems to be "as you were" except that there seem to be no six lakhs in sight. The richer men or corporations are the more easily they get disgusted with sentiment.

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## KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

It is the undeniable right of every Britisher to growl. When his growl amounts to no more than a grumble at not having anything really serious to growl at, we can pat him on the back, so to speak, and say, "There, there, daddies dear!" and he wags his tail again. But it does sometimes happen that even in that administrative Utopia, a British Colony, there is a real abuse, and a genuine grievance. In such a case it is almost always the poor and therefore apparently negligible class who suffer. We have more than once very gently pointed out in these columns that in this ideal Colony of Hongkong, those who know and have to bear what William Morris called—

"The heavy burden, the bewildering care,  
That weighs us down who live and gain our bread,"

are not being ideally served by the Education Department. The very parents who should be most considered by it, are worse than neglected, they are penalised. Yesterday evening we published a letter from a "British Father" who complains, as it seems to us with some reason, of what appears on the face of it to be the comparative inefficiency and wastefulness of the Kowloon British School. It is admittedly an expensive institution for a breadwinner, or what a French writer calls the "struggle-for-life" to send his children to. The poor man has to pay rates (if he does not do so directly, be sure that the rent includes them) and in addition he pays a far heavier school fee than any rate-supported Government school has any business to charge. The school, ought therefore to be the best, or one of the best, in the Colony. We shall only deal with the specific complaint made by "A British Father," at present. He says that last week "the aggregate of school attendance" was only nine hours, and the week before that fifteen hours. Compared with the twenty-five to thirty hours a week work done by the Grant-in-aid schools this seems too little. There are six working days in the week, and allowing Saturday a half holiday we may reckon that an ordinary boy can do light school work, without hurting himself very badly, for four hours a day during a week of five days and a half. This would make twenty-two hours' work a week. Empire Day must have made a larger hole in last week than it used to make when it was the Queen's Birthday of our boyhood, for it would seem, by this reckoning, to have swallowed up seven hours all to itself. As for the nine-hour week mentioned by a "British Father" we give it up. Nine hours divided by five and a half equal one hour and seven-eighths—say one hour and forty minutes' work a day. Really this is too little! On the face of it, as we said, there is ground for complaint, and we do not wonder at some parents promising to send their children to a new "denominational school connected with one of the Churches" instead of to a school where so little work is done. What a silly state of affairs this is, and how idiotic to allow another school yet in its embryonic stage to oust the Government establishment not only from the position it ought to hold, that is, the highest, but even to threaten to wipe it out of existence altogether. What is the matter with this Kowloon British School? It cannot be want of funds. What is it then?

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SAPONG Estate has finished the laying of its tennis lawns and one is now in use.

A SALUTE was fired at noon to-day in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

THE postman-artist, Mr. Samuel Hancock of Ilford, has been honoured by the Hangle Committee of the Royal Academy, and a picture of his is to be hung on the line.

MR. LEASE, the manager of Sapong Estate, has left on a tour of inspection in the Dutch Indies and the F.M.S. A rubber factory is in course of construction and he hopes to start tapping on his return.

THE Government of India have decided that quinine and other alkaloids of cinchona, when imported unmixed with drugs in the form of coated tablets, tablets pills or capsules shall in future be admitted free of customs duty.

WHILE playing in a single with George Sayers, Jun., over the North Berwick old course, Mr. W. Neilson, Jun., struck a lark on the wing with his drive on going to the twelfth hole. The ball struck a wall, and on rebounding hit the bird and it dropped dead instantly.

BELAWAN, the chief port of Deli, desires harbour improvements but the Government is not disposed to do anything. The port is fast gaining importance from the increasing trade on the coast, yet the harbour is allowed to remain so shallow that large vessels can only enter at high tide. The shipping and mercantile communities there are moving to get the Government to appoint experts to examine the harbour.

CAPTAIN CASEY, who we note recently died in Hongkong, was formerly well-known as a local skipper, among his commands being the *Flevo*, and the *Poklanik*. He hailed from Scotland but we believe became a naturalized American citizen when employed some years ago under the U. S. Government. A man of the kindest disposition, he had not enjoyed the best of health lately. His death will be much regretted by his many sea-faring friends in this port. At the time of his death he was skipper of a Canton river steamer.—*Straits Times*.

FOR having aboard his vessel unmanifested cargo consisting of 183,518 kilos of opium, A. Frazer, master of the steamship *Rubi*, is to forfeit to the government of the Philippine Islands the sum of P. 500. In case of default of pro-apt payment, a warrant is to issue for the arrest and detention of the *Rubi*. The bond for the release of the vessel, in the event such release is desired, has been fixed at P. 2,000. The above is the decision of the deputy collector of customs in the case of the customs authorities against the steamer *Rubi*, growing out of the seizure, the latter part of last month, of a large quantity of opium concealed in cement barrels, an investigation disclosing the fact that the stuff came to Manila on the *Rubi*. Deputy Collector Stanley finds that the owners, agents and master of the vessel made an earnest effort to prevent the landing of contraband merchandise, which fact was taken into consideration in fixing the fine imposed upon the captain.—*Cable News American*.

## FIRES IN HONGKONG.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The report of the superintendent of the Fire Brigade for 1909 is as follows:—  
There were 31 fires and 63 incipient fires during the year as against 31 and 59 in 1908.  
The estimated damage caused by fires was \$548,838.00 and by incipient fires \$1,497.00 as against \$198,219.00 and \$1,025.80 in 1908.  
The brigade turned out 47 times during the year.  
2. There was a constant supply of water in the fire mains throughout the year.  
3. Three fires occurred in the harbour during the year.  
4. There was no prosecution for arson during the year.  
5. There are 14 despatch boxes kept in different places in Victoria and 12 in Kowloon, 8 different telephones to which the Police can have access to communicate with Central Station in the event of a fire and 16 fire alarms.  
6. I enclose a copy of a report by the engineer on the state of fire engines (Appendix A).  
7. The conduct of the brigade has been good.  
8. The pumps and other machinery for a new floating fire engine, furnished by Messrs. Merryweather, were received during the year, and the hull constructed locally was nearing completion at the end of the year under review.

## APPENDIX A.

Steamer No. 1.—Floating Fire Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.—This vessel has been used at Fires and Drills during the year. The Hull, Machinery and Boiler are all in good order and fit for service at Fires in the Harbour or on the lower levels of shore.

Steamer No. 2.—Land Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.—This engine has been regularly used at Fires and Drills for drivers. The machinery and boiler were overhauled in December and are in good working order.

Steamer No. 3.—Land Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.—This engine and boiler were thoroughly overhauled in April. It has been regularly used at fires and drills for drivers and is now in good working order.

Steamer No. 4.—Land Engine by Shand, Mason & Co.—This engine and boiler have been overhauled as required during the year and are now in good order.

Steamer No. 5.—Land Steamer by Shand, Mason & Co.—This boiler was renewed in 1907, it was cleaned and tested in June, and has been regularly used at drills for drivers and fires and is now in good working order.

Manual Engines and Gear.—All the manual engines and Gear, hose, reels, ladders and supply carts have been kept in repair and are now in good working order. All the bamboo ladders have been replaced by 1st floor fire ladders.

Fire Alarm.—The fire alarm of 12 points installed last year has worked very satisfactorily and is now in good order.

## The Water Supply.

## RESULT OF THE RAINFALL.

FIGURES FROM THE WATER AUTHORITY.

## CONSTANT SUPPLY RESTORED.

As a net result of the copious rainfall of yesterday and this morning, the water stored in the reservoirs on the Island has been augmented by seventy-eight million gallons more than the quantity in storage yesterday morning before the welcome rain. By this morning there was in the reservoirs a quantity more than double that of yesterday, the figures being, respectively, 147,000,000 gallons to-day and 69,000,000 yesterday. Such were the official figures made available to us this forenoon by courtesy of the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.

## WATER AUTHORITY INTERVIEWED.

Notwithstanding that the day is a *dies non* and the Government Departments are supposed to be closed, the executive officials of the much-maligned P.W.D. have been early up and about to ascertain the conditions of the widely scattered reservoirs as a result of the glorious rain with which the Colony has been blessed during the past twenty-four hours. When we directed our inquiry to the Hon. Mr. Chatham at an early hour this morning for official statistics concerning the rainfall and its effect on the water supply of the Colony, the Director of Public Works had not then received the returns, but no sooner were they available about an hour later, our representative was kindly given the figures by Mr. H. T. Jackson, executive engineer in charge of the waterworks. Mr. Jackson informed us that the storage of water in the reservoirs yesterday morning was, in round figures, as follows:—

	Gallons
Tyiam	9,000,000
Tyiam Intermediate	59,000,000
Tyiam Byewash	Nil
Wong-nai-chung	Nil
Pokfulam	1,000,000

Total 69,000,000

Owing to the great distance separating the reservoirs from one another the reading of the gauges was made between 6 and 10 o'clock this morning when it was ascertained that the supply had been very considerably augmented, thanks to the intermittent down-pour of yesterday and the more or less constant fall last night and the early hours of this morning. As already stated during the twenty-four hours the storage had been increased by 78,000,000 gallons, thus placing the Colony in the comfortable position of freedom from all anxiety of a water famine with all its concomitant evils.

In detail the quantity in the reservoirs this morning was as follows:—

	Gallons
Tyiam	40,000,000
Tyiam Intermediate	70,000,000
Tyiam Byewash	1,000,000
Wong-nai-chung	5,000,000
Pokfulam	31,000,000

Total 147,000,000

THE RAIN-GAUGE registered at Pokfulam 9.65 inches, while at Tyiam it recorded an aggregate fall of 8.38 inches.

Mr. Jackson expressed his opinion that for the rainfall recorded it might have been supposed that a larger quantity would have been in storage to-day. This would have been the case, but it must be borne in mind that the run-off has not been as long as one might be inclined to suppose, since the parched condition of the ground before the first heavy downpours accounted for a considerable quantity being taken into the earth before the first steady streams could be collected in the catchment areas and flow in anything like their normal volume into the reservoirs. By this time, however, we are given to understand, the ground has been already thoroughly soaked and any additional fall of rain will give a proportionately largely accumulation of water in the reservoirs. It is believed that, by to-morrow, there will be an appreciable increase both at Tyiam and Pokfulam and the fear of the Colony being continued in short commons need no longer be entertained, for the present season at least.

## CONSTANT SUPPLY RESTORED.

Our representative proceeded to inquire when the constant supply will be restored. Mr. Jackson kindly stated that, for certain, constant supply may be turned on to-morrow morning to the high-level districts of the City and the Peak; the supply in the Rider Main District, however, being regulated as usual. It was just possible that the higher level districts may enjoy an uninterrupted supply again to-day, but the official interrogated could not be sure of that. Residents may rest in the comfortable assurance that, from our conversation with the P.W.D. officials, everything that is possible is being done to minimise the inevitable slight inconvenience to which the Colony had been put by the intermittent supply which has, fortunately, proved but of shortest duration only.

## RAIN AT THE GARDENS.

In answer to our inquiry this morning, Mr. W. J. Tucker, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, was kind enough to state that the rain-gauge at the Botanic Gardens registered a fall of 9.83 inches between 10 a.m. on the 2nd inst. and 10 a.m. to-day. This was more than the aggregate for the past seven months. The rainfall recorded at the Hongkong Observatory, in Kowloon, during the same period, was 8.52 inches. The heavy rains have not caused any damage to the trees or shrubs in the Public Gardens.

MELALAP Estate is not planting tobacco this season. This step has been rendered absolutely essential by the fact that the area of rubber planted had, owing to shortage of labour, got into a very bad condition, every available coolie having been put on to tobacco. A vast improvement has even now been effected, but it will require strenuous and continuous efforts to bring the land into a proper state again.

## OPIUM AND SUGAR.

## A YEAR'S HONGKONG TRADE.

In his report for 1909, Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, superintendent, Imports and Exports Office, writes as regards opium:—

Eighteen thousand one hundred and sixty-three permits for export and removal were issued from this office during the year being a decrease of 19 as compared with 1908 as follows:—

## NUMBER OF PERMITS, &amp;c. ISSUED.

Decrease	1909	1908
47	285	332

Increase	1909	1908
16	8,764	8,748

Decrease	1909	1908
133	146	159

Decrease	1909	1908
149	163	177

Decrease	1909	1908
681	727	795

Decrease	1909	1908
279	286	315

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19	19	38

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## CRIME IN HONGKONG.

## REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

The report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for last year states:—The total of all cases reported to the Police was 9,819 as against 9,562 in 1908 being an increase of 257 or 2.68 per cent.

In the division of these cases into serious and minor offences, there appears an increase, as compared with 1908, of 103 cases or 3.17 per cent., in the former, and of 154 cases, or 2.43 per cent., in the latter.

The increase, as compared with 1908 in serious offences of 103 is shown as follows:—

	1909.	1908.
Robbery.....	11	1
Assault with intent to rob.....	1	1
Larcenies.....	273	185
<i>Decrease</i>		
Murder.....	6	6
Burglary, or larceny from dwelling.....	35	35
Kidnaping and protection of women and children.....	13	13
Unlawful possession.....	88	88
Other felonies.....	25	25
<i>Total</i> .....	181	181

*Net Increase*.....103

## MURDER.

3. Nine murders were reported to the Police during the year as against 15 in 1908.

In connection with three of these reports no arrest was made.

## MURDER OF POLICE.

5. On the night of the 21st January an armed robbery took place at 43 Kennedy Street in the Yau-mai District. Lance-Sergeant Mills, who was on duty at Yau-mai Station, hearing police whistles blown, at once ran out into the street where he saw some of the robbers running away. He gave chase, and while in the act of arresting one of the robbers was shot by the latter through the abdomen with a revolver. The murderer was pursued by other police and finally shot by P. C. Hedge, whom he was also attempting to shoot. Sergeant Mills and his assistant were both removed to hospital in a dangerous condition. The latter died soon after admission and the Sergeant succumbed to his injuries at 6.15 a.m. on the 24th. Four other men were arrested, two of whom were convicted of robbery and sentenced respectively to 7 years imprisonment, the other two being discharged.

## MURDER OF INDIAN POLICE IN NEW TERRITORIES.

On the 23rd of August Indian Lance-Sergeant 617 Kuran Deen and I. P. C. 577 Nawab left Au Tau Station at 7 a.m. in charge of money (Crown Rent) to escort to Tai Po. The constables arrived at Tai Po at about 8.45 a.m., when they were suddenly attacked from both sides of the road by 6 men armed with choppers and other weapons. The Indian Sergeant was killed on the spot, the constable was found about 200 yards from the road down the hillside. He survived about one hour and was able to give an account of the crime. Three men were arrested in September and one in October. One was convicted of murder and hanged; the others being discharged. A fifth man was arrested in Chinese Territory where at the close of the year he was still awaiting his trial for the crime.

## GANG ROBBERIES.

6. Thirty-six gang robberies were reported to the Police during the year as against 26 in 1908. In 17 cases no arrest was made, in the remaining 19 cases arrests were made.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY ROBBERIES.

7. Seventeen street and highway robberies were reported during the year as against 15 in 1908.

In connection with 11 of these no arrest was made.

## ROBBERIES ON BOATS AND JUNKS.

8. Nine cases were reported to the Police during the year as against ten in 1908. In connection with 5 cases no arrest was made.

## OTHER FELONIES.

9. Under this heading are comprised the following:—

	1909.	1908.
Arson and attempted arson.....	3	1
Malicious damage to property.....	1	1
Cutting and wounding.....	13	9
Demanding money by menaces.....	3	5
Embezzlement.....	26	30
Forgery.....	28	11
Housebreaking.....	108	151
Murder.....	9	15
Manslaughter.....	3	1
Indecent assault and rape.....	2	1
Shooting with intent to murder.....	1	1
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm.....	5	5
Abominable offences.....	5	2
Throwing corrosive fluid.....	1	—
<i>Total</i> .....	266	232

## GAMBLING.

10. One hundred and fifty-three gambling warrants were executed and convictions obtained as against 131 in 1908.

## PROPERTY REPORTED STOLEN AND PROPERTY RECOVERED.

11. The estimated value of property stolen during the year was \$110,560.42 as against \$109,211.10 in 1908.

The value of property recovered by the Police and restored to owners was \$11,531 as against \$10,711.19 in 1908.

## OPIMUM WARRANTS.

12. One thousand six hundred and eighty-six search warrants for prepared opium were executed by the Police and Excise Officers of the Opium Farmer, as compared with 1,811 in 1908. In 477 cases opium was found and 640 persons were arrested as against 671 in 1908.

## LICENCES.

20. The following licences were issued during 1909:—

1,700 Hongkong Licences.
50 Quarry Bay Licences.
245 Kowloon Licences.
24 Private Vehicles (6 Carriages, 3 Horses and 4 Motor Cars).

## 1,155 Truck Licences.

605 Hongkong Chairs.  
60 K.M. District Chairs.  
73,772 Drivers and Baiters.

From the 7th July when the issuing of certain licences was transferred to this Department, following were issued:—

2 Auctioneers' Licences.
7 Billiard Tables.
1 To store Calcium Carbide.
1 To deal wholesale in Cocaine and its Salts.
1 To store Detonators.
3 Distillery (New Territories).
12 To store Dynamite.
9 To store Ether and Alcoholic Liquids.
138 Game Licences.
1 Gunpowder (Storage).
5 Kerosene Storage (in Godowns).
439 " " (Ordinary).
4 " " (New Territories).
16 Marine Stores.
5 To store Naphtha and Benzine.
1 To store Nitrobenzene or Oil of Mirbane.
18 Pawnbrokers' Licences.
2 To store Petroleum in Bulk.
1 To store Phosphorus.
3 To store Rockets.
8 Spirits (Chinese, New Territories).
14 To store Sulphuric Acid and Nitric Acid.

## DOG ORDINANCE.

20,170 Dogs were licensed during 1909.

85 Watch dogs were licensed free of charge.

49 Dogs were destroyed.

128 Stray dogs were impounded and restored to owners or ransomed.

## ARMS ORDINANCE.

21. Four licences to import and deal in arms and two to deal in sporting arms and ammunition were issued during 1909. During the whole year a Proclamation has been in force prohibiting the export of warlike stores from the Colony. The following arms and ammunition were confiscated during the year:

Eight rifles, 26 revolvers, 15 muskets, 13 knives and daggers, 83 lb. dynamite, 1 sporting gun, 83 rounds rifle and revolver ammunition, 194 rounds sporting ammunition, 9 boxes 68/100 detonators, 43 boxes caps, 12 boxes primers, 58 lb. gunpowder, 100 empty shells, a small quantity of fuse, 2 sets refilling tools, 1 rifle barrel, and 3 fighting irons.

## EDUCATION.

22. During the year 6 Europeans and 177 Indians obtained certificates for knowledge of Chinese and 54 Indians obtained certificates for English.

## MUSKETRY.

23. The Europeans and Indians were put through the usual course of Musketry, 32 Europeans and 55 Indians qualified as marksmen.

## IDENTIFICATION BY FINGER IMPRESSIONS.

24. 100 persons were identified as having been previously convicted against them. This number is 34 more than during the year 1908.

100 identifications were those of criminals who had returned from banishment; 8 were on record as having paid fines in lieu of going to goal.

## CONDUCT.

25. The conduct of the European contingent (average strength 122) was good. The total number of reports against them was 55, as against 37 in 1908. There were 8 reports for being drunk or under the influence of drink as against 6 in 1908; 4 for sleeping on duty as against 2, 1 for disorderly conduct and 9 for neglect of duty.

The conduct of the Indian contingent (average strength 380) was on the whole good. There were 335 reports as against 401 for the preceding year. For drunkenness there were 29 as against 38, for disorderly conduct 24, as against 30, for neglect of duty 37 as against 33, for absence from duty 48 as against 38, for gossiping and idling on duty 67 as against 77, and sleeping on duty 31 as against 24. 208 men had no report. Seven Indian constables were convicted by the Police Magistrate (4 dismissed from the Force); 5 for assault, 1 for misconduct and 1 for larceny.

The behaviour of the Chinese contingent (average strength 318) was good. There were altogether 896 reports as against 1,044 in 1908. There were two reports for drunkenness (same as last year), 134 for sleeping on duty as against 112, 12 for disorderly conduct as against 17, and 243 for minor offences as against 374. Twelve constables were convicted by the Police Magistrate (10 dismissed) for the following offence:—

—6 for assault, 1 for desertion, 1 for being watchman in a common gambling house, 1 for assault and attempting to obtain a bribe, 1 for unlawful possession of prepared opium, 1 for keeping a common gambling house and 1 for aiding and abetting a man to carry a letter into Victoria Gaol.

142 men of this contingent were not reported during the year.

The steamen, coxswains, engineers and stokers (average strength 114) had 213 reports as compared with 215 for last year. For drunkenness there was no report (same as last year), and 100 for absence from station and late for duty as against 106 in the previous year.

Two seamen were convicted by the Police Magistrate (both dismissed), one for larceny and one for desertion.

53 had no report recorded against them.

## POLICE LAUNCHES AND BOATS.

26. The outer waters of the Colony were, on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee, patrolled by two launches, one of which is stationed at Tai Po, instead of three, from the 17th June. Each has a crew consisting of 1 European Sergeant, 1 European Constable, 2 coxswains, 2 engineers, 2 stokers, 1 boatswain and 8 seamen. The third patrol launch (without crew) is kept in reserve for use when either of the above is under repairs.

The harbour is patrolled by two small launches and two pinnaces (not all on duty at once) manned by 8 European Police, 8 coxswains, 8 engineers, 8 stokers and 16 seamen, and two towing boats each manned by 3 European and 4 seamen. There is also one spare boat in reserve.

## REWARDS.

27. One European Sergeant was commended by His Excellency the Governor for his services in the Sha Tau Kok murder case, and one European Constable was granted a medal for plucky conduct in connection with the case of robbery and murder at Yau-mai.

One Indian Sergeant was granted a reward for the smart capture of a burglar and one Indian Constable for smart and plucky conduct in arresting a burglar with stolen property.

One Chinese Constable was granted a medal for zeal and activity displayed in connection with the capture in Chinese Territory of the men who committed a murder at Sha Tau Kok, and two Chinese Constables were granted rewards for plucky conduct, zeal and activity shown in the discharge of their duties.

## NEW TERRITORIES.

31. The District Officer for the New Territories reported as follows:—

"The strength of the Police in the Northern District was until September:—

1 Europeans, 60 Indians and 24 Chinese. During September the Force was reduced by one European owing to the withdrawal of the Sergeant from Au Tau.

The waters of the District are patrolled by No. 2 Launch with a force of 2 Europeans and 15 Chinese.

15 Indian police are stationed in the District for railway duty. The total Police Force in the Territory at the end of the year was therefore 124 men.

The health of the Force was only fairly good. Forty-six cases were admitted to hospital and in twenty-five of these cases the cause was Malaria. Over fifty cases of fever were treated in station and one death from Malaria occurred at Sheung Shui. The staff at Tai Po suffered from fever throughout the year.

Twelve armed robberies and three murders were reported.

At the end of the year there was a great reduction in the number of railway coolies owing to approaching completion of the works. No statistics are available as to the number of strange coolies who found employment in the Territory but the number can hardly have been less than 5,000. These coolies caused very little trouble to the Police though they kept the Small Debt Court busy."

## COMMERCIAL.

June 3rd, 1910.

The following quotations for rubber shares, by wire, are supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co.:—

Allagars.....	7/1
Anglo-Javas.....	11s. 16
Anglo-Malays.....	28/6
Balgownies.....	3s. 1
Batu Tigas.....	—
Bertams.....	8/6
Bukit Kajang.....	8/6
Bukit Rajahs.....	—
Carey Uniteds.....	27/6 prem.
Castlefields.....	17/6
Changkat Serdangs.....	13/0
Cheras.....	11/6
Damasaras.....	17/6
Eastern Internationals.....	37/6 prem.
Fed. Selangors.....	—
Glenalys.....	53
Glenishles.....	—
Golcondas.....	130/
Golden Hopes.....	—
Highlands and Lowlands.....	135/
Indragiris.....	335
Inch Kennells.....	300/
Jequies.....	—
Jonglandors.....	—
Kamunings.....	8/ prem.
Kuala Lumpors.....	80/
Lundrums (fully paid).....	—
Landrons (ppd.).....	—
Labus.....	—
Ledburys.....	92/6
Linggis.....	61/
London Asiatics.....	115/9
London Ventures.....	8/6
Merlimaus.....	—
Pajamas.....	51/8
Pegohs.....	50
Rubber Trusts.....	52/6 prem.
Saggas.....	—
Sandycrofts.....	540
Sapongas.....	41/
Seafields.....	—
Sekongs.....	32/6 prem.
Shelfords.....	72/6
Singapore & Johores.....	50
Sumatra Paras.....	12/9
Sungel Chobs.....	107/6
Sungel Kapars.....	18/6
Tandjongs.....	—
Tangkabs.....	32/6 prem.
Torangs.....	7/6 prem. nom.
Ulu Ronis.....	—
United Serdangs.....	130/
United Singapore.....	53
United Sumatras.....	11/6
United Langkats.....	—
Para Rubber.....	9/6 per lb.

London Ventures—A dividend of 6d. a share has been declared.

## CHEFOO HARBOUR.

## THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Peking, May 27th.

The foreigners and Chinese at Chefoo interested in the harbour improvement scheme have come to an agreement, which the Waiwup has forwarded on to the Diplomatic Corps.

The scheme simply provides for a sea-wall to cost Tls. 2,500,000. It is proposed to impose wharfage and tonnage dues which will realize Tls. 1,200,000 annually, to levy a five per cent duty upon foreign and Chinese imports and exports, and other rates not yet defined upon wild silk, pongees, tobacco and samshu.

The scheme is being considered.—A.C.D.

News.

## COMMERCIAL.

## WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write this afternoon:—

The market both in Local Stocks and Rubbers has been dull with small business to record. Para Fine Hard Rubber comes 9/11 per lb. from London.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks are a shade firmer and sales at 94½ have taken place and at this price more shares are wanted. Nationals are still in demand at 7/6.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons have changed hands at 177½ and Unions at 183½. North China are obtainable at Tls. 110 and Yangtses at 209.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires are in good demand at 514, but there are no sellers except at an advance. Hongkong Fires have been done in small lots at 534½.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have again been started with at 57½ and there are more shares offering. Indo Chinas have been the medium of a fair business but in spite of the improvement in freights, the price has not been sustained and shares are obtainable at the reduced rate of 57½. London comes unchanged at 56 10½. Star Ferries are quiet at 144½ for the old shares and 54 for new. Douglas Steamships have been dealt in at 53½. Shell Transports have been sold during the week at 95½ and 95¼. The market at home has been ruling rather weak, but at the close comes stronger with no shares obtainable under 95½.

Refineries.—China Sugars have receded to 57½. Luxors are out of favour and can be had at 5-6.

Mining.—Raub has been sold at the reduced rate of 57½. Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. have improved to Tls. 17½. Headwaters have again changed hands at P. 10.

Docks, Wharves, and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are still on offer at 59, but there are buyers slightly under this price. Shanghai Docks are steady at Tls. 77. Kowloon Wharves are inquired for at 58½. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are offering at Tls. 1-2 with no buyers except at a considerably lower rate.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have sellers at 102. Kowloon Lands have advanced to 91. Humphreys' Estates can be had at 58½ to a small extent. Shanghai Lands are still quiet at Tls. 110.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos are weak with sellers at Tls. 130½. Other Northern Mills are unchanged. Hongkong Cottons can still be had at 56½.

Miscellaneous.—Green Islands are wanted at 57½ after sales at this rate. China Providents have been parted with at 58½ and China Borneos at 50½. Hongkong Electric are in demand at 53½ and China Lights at 58½. Dairy Farms were sold at 59. Steam Laundries at 55½ and Watsons at 16 ex dividend of 3%. Langkats are quoted in the North at Tls. 142½. Pulpas have again changed hands at 35½ Local Currency.

Rubbers.—Transactions have been limited. London Asiatics have been bought at 17/6 and 17½. London Ventures have changed hands at 8/ and Merlimaus have been bought by London 6/9. United Serdangs have been sold at varying rates between 120/ and 157/6. Bertams have been done at 8/6. The Singapore Market appears to be lifeless.

Exchange.—The Bank's selling rate on London is 1/9 9/16 on demand. The T/T. rate on Shanghai is 74½.

## RUBBER MARKET.

Hongkong, 3rd June.

Mr. Emanuel E. Ellis having been admitted into partnership, the business hitherto carried on by me under the style of "Frederick Ellis" will henceforth be conducted under the name and style of "Ellis and Ellis," as from the 1st June, 1910.

FREDERICK ELLIS.

The Rubber market generally has had a smart set back during the week under review, and only a small business has been put through. Rates for most of the sterling stocks have depreciated considerably, but now show an improving tendency.

The Singapore market continues quiet with but a few transactions to record.

The latest telegraphic advice for Para Rubber is 9/11.

Anglo Malays have been sold in small lots at 30/ and 29/6, closing quiet at 29.

Allagars have declined from 7/9 to 7/11 without business to report.

Carey Uniteds are on offer at 27/6 prem. Eastern Internationals have changed hands during the early part of the week at 37/6 prem. and later at 30/6, at which price they close steady.

Liggies are quiet and obtainable at 57/6. London Ventures have been taken off the market at 7/6 and 7/3 and more can probably be placed at the latter rate.

Merlimaus after sales at 7/6 are wanted. Tangkabs have found buyers at 31/6 prem. and 28/6 prem. at which latter rate they close steady.

United Serdangs have attracted considerable attention and after sales at 152/6, 147/1, 142/6, 137/6 and 133/6; have probable sellers at 125/6. United Sumatras have weakened and there are no buyers over 11/6.

Sumatra Paras were sold at 13/6, closing with probable buyers at 12/6.

Balgownies are nominally quoted at 530. Changkat Serdangs have been dealt in at 56, and more can probably be placed at this price.

Glenalys are quiet at 53 without business to report.

Indragiris have buyers from Singapore at 53, but sellers are not forthcoming unless at a higher figure.

Pajamas are steady at 58.

Pegohs have been placed at 58 at which price there are further probable buyers.

Sandycrofts found buyers at 53½ and 530. United Singapore are unchanged and without business to report.

The Banks closing T/T quotations are as follows:—

On London.....	110/
On Shanghai.....	74
On Singapore.....	76

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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTAKUANG	MAUSANG	SATURDAY, 11th June, Noon
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MANILA	"TEAN"	7th June, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"OHENAN"	9th June, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LUNAN"	12th June, Daylight.
QHEFOO & TIENSIN	"KUELOHOU"	14th June, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	17th June, 4 P.M.
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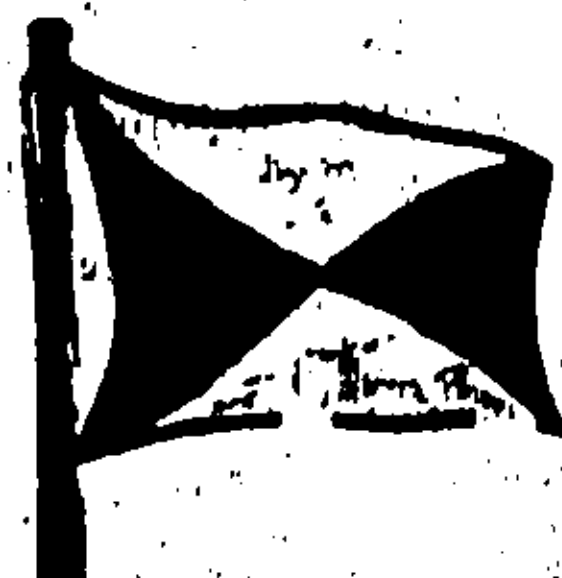
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<i>Suorio</i> .....	4,132	F. S. Cowley	18th June
<i>Kumero</i> .....	6,232	J. Mathie	5th July
<i>Aymard</i> .....	4,303	J. Boyd	25th July

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## METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

- Signal No.
1. A CONE point upwards. Indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.
  2. A CONE point upwards and a DRUM below. Indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
  3. A DRUM. Indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
  4. A CONE point downwards and a DRUM below. Indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
  5. A CONE point downwards. Indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
  6. A CONE point downwards and a BALL below. Indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
  7. A BALL. Indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
  8. A CONE point upwards and a BALL below. Indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. *Tamar*, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

## URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.  
A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

## NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. *Tamar*.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

## SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Cap Rock. Aberdeen.

Waglan. San Ki Wan.

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Cape Collinson. Sha Tan Kok.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand,



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## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KAPOORIE &amp; Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence" page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	AT WORKING ACCOUNT	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROPRIATE DIVIDEND BY STOCKHOLDERS BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
<b>BANKS.</b>								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$15,000,000 \$250,000	\$2,028,088	2.5% for half year ending 31.12.09 @ ex 1/91 = \$15.11	4 1/2 %	\$945 sale & b. 1.01
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£ 7	£ 6	£ 4,000 £ 1,000,000	\$30,552	\$2 (London 2/6) for 1909	...	\$76 buyers
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,500,000 \$154,581 \$205,701 \$185,000	none	\$10 for 1908	6 %	177 1/2 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£ 15	£ 5	Tls. 225,000 Tls. 225,253 Tls. 146,180 \$1,000,000	Tls. 207,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	5 %	Tls. 110
Union Insurance Society of Canton	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$139,448 \$105,210 \$7,898	\$287,084	Final of \$20 per share, making in all \$50 per share for 1907 and an interim divid- end of \$10 per share for 1909	6 %	\$830 sale & a.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$1,000,000 \$204,405 \$199,264	\$707,617	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$105
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>								
China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$30	\$1,000,000 \$50,343 \$61,105	\$4,846	\$0 and bonus \$2 for 1908	7 %	\$114 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,400,000 \$2,460,000	\$429,218	\$27 for 1908	8 %	\$347 sale & b.
<b>SHIPPING.</b>								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	157,743 \$120,000 \$100,80	Dr. \$17,72	1 1/2 % for 1908	...	\$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$120,000 \$100,80	nil	\$4 for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$53 sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Yacow Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$120,000 \$107,500 \$103,545 \$19,106	\$20,066	Final of \$1 1/2 for account 1910	8 %	29 1/2 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£ 5	£ 5	\$10,000 \$140,000	£ 13,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$5.154	...	\$70 sellers
Do, Do, (Deferred)	60,000	£ 5	£ 5	\$10,000 \$140,000	£ 13,755	3rd in. of 2/- per sh. (comp. No. 12) making in all 4/- for 1908 & interim of 1/- for ac. '09	5 %	94/-
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	£ 1	£ 1	\$10,000 \$100,000	£ 102,994	A dividend of 7 % for year ending 30.1.1910	4 1/2 %	\$248
"Jian" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$71,250 \$62,681	\$1,159	A bonus of 5 % for year ending 30.1.1910	3 1/2 %	\$14
<b>REFINERIES.</b>								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$520,000 \$83,620	Dr. \$3,090	\$10 per share for 1909	5 1/2 %	\$171 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	...	Dr. \$15,891	\$5 for 1907	...	\$28 sellers
Papak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	...	Tls. 6.02	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.3.09	...	Tls. 950 sellers
<b>MINING.</b>								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£ 1	£ 1	\$215,000 \$284,390	£ 1,435	Final of 1/8 making 3/- for 1909	9 %	Tls. 18
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	Pa. 10	Pa. 10	...	none	First year	...	...
Rapit Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£ 1	£ 1	£ 4	Dr. 191	\$1 per share 13th dividend	5 %	\$8 sellers
Oriental Consolidated Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	G \$10	G \$10	...	none	Final of Gold \$0.65 for 1909 in all G \$1.15	...	35/-
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	28,000	\$25	\$25	\$25,275	Dr. \$8,460	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.09	...	\$10
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$550	\$50	\$550,000 \$3,493 \$40,000	\$264,842	\$2 1/2 for 1909	4 1/2 %	\$58 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$86,442	\$112,765	Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1909	...	\$19 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	122,000 1,100,000	Tls. 5,361	Interim of Tls. 2 1/2 for 1910	6 1/2 %	Tls. 78
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 607,052 Tls. 500,000 Tls. 1,100,000	Tls. 9,222	Final of Tls. 4 for 1909	7 %	Tls. 122
<b>LANDS, HOTELS &amp; BUILDINGS.</b>								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,000 \$24,642	Tls. 4,314	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.1.09	5 1/2 %	Tls. 102 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	\$1,000 \$1,000	\$24,642	\$2.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue \$2.60 on old shares and 1.30 on new shares for half year ending 31.12.09	2 1/2 %	\$10 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$5,000 \$10,000	\$1,277	Interim of 3/4 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	\$8 1/2
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$150,000	\$27,912	45 cents for 1909	6 %	\$8 1/2
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$20,000 \$5,850	\$5,471	\$2 1/2 for 1909	8 1/2 %	\$31 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$30	none	\$219	Final of 6 % bonus Tls. 1 for 1909	6 1/2 %	Tls. 110
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,525,045 Tls. 30,000	Tls. 63,969	Final of \$1.12 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	\$40 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	none	1,958	...	...	...
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 5	Tls. 8,000,000 Tls. 40,000	13,992	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09	8 1/2 %	Tls. 130 1/2 sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$1	Tls. 8,000,000 Tls. 40,000	13,992	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	8 %	\$4 1/2 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 175,000	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.9.09	12 1/2 %	Tls. 62
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 1	none	Tls. 4,820	Tls. 6 for 1909	7 %	Tls. 74
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 50	Tls. 21,172	Tls. 31,172	Tls. 25 for 1909	10 %	Tls. 250
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	£1,500 £40,000	£248	15 % per share for 1908	...	\$10 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	...	Nil	60 cents for 1909	6 %	\$10 1/2 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	...	\$61,138	60 cents for year ended 31.12.06	...	\$2 sellers
Do, Do, special shares	50,000	\$1	\$1	...	2,602	80 cents for 1909	9 %	\$8 1/2 sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$1	\$1	\$100,000 \$1,000	1,891	\$1.70 for year ending 31.7.09	6 1/2 %	\$19 sales
Daisy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$5	\$1,000 \$1,000	\$4,290	Final of 40 cents making in all 75 cents per share for 1909	10 %	\$7 1/2 sales
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$5,000	\$670	80 cents for year ending 31.12.08	6 1/2 %	\$12
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$11,798	A dividend of \$1.20 per share and a bonus of 10/- cents	6 %	\$10 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000 \$40,000	\$7,616	Final of \$3 for 1909	6 %	\$160 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$10	\$150,000 \$40,000	\$9,176	Final of \$1 making in all \$2 for 1910	9 %	\$2 1/2 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 547,500 Tls. 61,924	Tls. 316,682	4th interim of Tls. 12 1/2 for 1909	5 %	Tls. 1,400
Manschappij tot Mijn- & Bosch- en Landbouwen exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	\$30,000	\$3,014	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.10	5 1/2 %	\$14 1/2 ex div.
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	none	Pa. 18,640	None	...	\$14 buyers
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	...	...	...	...	...
Philippines Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 14,810 Tls. 75,000	Tls. 5,350	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	2 %	Tls. 240 sellers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	50,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	none	Dr. \$31,006	None	...	\$25 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	none	\$63	40 cents for year ending 31.12.09	8 %	\$10
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$25	\$10,950	none	60 cents for year ending 31.12.09	8 %	\$9 sellers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$40,000	\$242	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.12.09	5 %	\$1 1/2 sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$300,000 \$5,000	\$2,012	Final of 30 cents for 1908	6 1/2 %	\$6 ex div.
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$782	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30.0.1909	...	\$3 sellers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	none	none	First year	...	\$15 sellers
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200 Benefit shares 1,900	10 Halpang Nominal	25 Currency	none	none	None	...	\$800 H'kong currency

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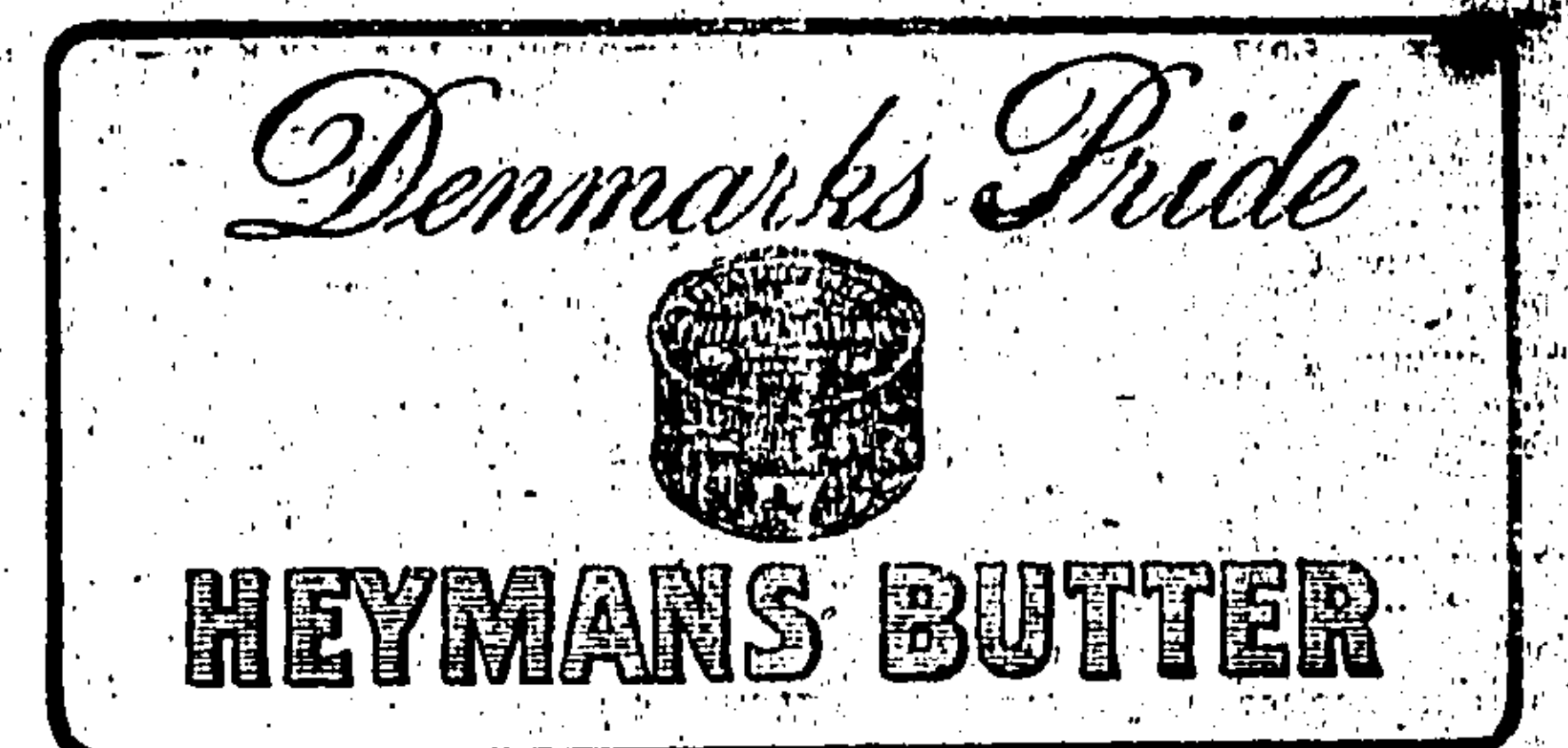
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